

I Will See You in Seattle, Celia Mine

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In the collections of the Washington State Historical Society Museum and the Seattle Museum of History and Industry there are many songs which relate to the A-Y-P -- the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, held in Seattle in 1909. Perhaps a song-writing contest brought forth these compositions. In any case, this was my favorite of the lot. Thanks to Sandy Bradley for sharing the songs with me.

1. A Lov - er, sad, was part ing from his dear one,
2. The years had quick - ly pass'd since they had part - ed,

And both were fast - ing hit - ter - ness and woe.
Thro' tri - als hard the youth had fought his way.

For tho' they long had planned up - on their mar - riage;
Tho' hin - d'ered oft, he main - tained his de - vo - tion

Their par - ents both had stern - ly or - dered "No" "You are too young" they'd said and have no
And per - sever - ed nought else will ev - er pay. A lit - tle land he bought for a be -

mon - ey" With which the fami - ly's bur - dens to be - gin.
gin - ning And quick - ly sold for dou - ble what he'd paid,

"Then let me go," he said, and seek a for-tune—
Thus prospered from the first, and blessed by Heav-en

If I go West, I know I'm bound to win,
The ground work for a for-tune soon was laid.

And thus had come a-bout the part-ing
The years of wait-ing fin-ally were ended—

A time in-deed of sor-row and of fear
The day had come that seemed so far a-way.

But as he went he brave-ly did ad-dress her
With wealth and hon-or crowned, with Joy, they mar-ried

And spoke, with love, these words of hope and cheer:
And oft they thought of when he first did say:

CHORUS.

I will see you in Se-at-tle Ce-lia Mine, It
won't be long till Nine-teen hun-dred nine. At the Big A-las-kan Fair, When I've
made my for-tune there—What a glad day that will be for both our
lives On the shores of Pug-et Sound so fair to see, We'll be
mar-ried at the splen-did A-Y-P Life hence-forth will all be song—Be it
short or be it long—When I see you at Se-at-tle Ce-lia Mine.
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